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Just a couple of  
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# Social Calendar

**Renowned Sculptor to conduct Artist Lecture at Essex County College** Patrick Morelli, renowned sculptor of the "Behold" monument which commemorates the heroic principles that guided the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will present an artist lecture at Essex County College from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, February 23, 1999 to benefit Seton Hall University Project 2000.

The lecture attendees will be able to purchase a commemorative poster signed by the artist for a donation. Interested parties can purchase posters or request an invitation to the event by calling the Project 2000 office at (973) 761-9648.

Sculptor Morelli was inspired by the ancient African ritual of lifting a newborn child to the heavens and reciting the words, "Behold the only thing greater than yourself."

**BLACK HISTORY** - Frank Sinatra, with Irvine I. Turner before he became the first black elected councilman for the city of Newark, NJ.

Irvine I. Turner at one time was a vocalist, studied for the ministry, a boxer, newspaper reporter and had his real estate licence.

It's a little known fact that Irvine I. Turner had sang in competition with Sinatra, when the photo on the cover was taken.

*Photo courtesy of D.C. Thornton, his granddaughter*

## THE MYSTERY IS SOLVED!

The lady on our last cover was  
**EMIRA.**

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# POLLY TICKS

## "HIGH CRIMES"

by Lorraine Lavender

After living in the good old US of A for almost 70 years my anger at the duplicity of the "Anglo" fathers, as one of the senators persecuting the president referred to the laws of the constitution on which these sanctimonious red necks are basing their argument against the president's recent reprehensible personal behavior has only heightened. True his actions are morally wrong but high crimes and misdemeanors, give me a break.

These same highly moral protectors of the public interest are only concerned with "Anglo" rights as is quite evident when you know of the millions of instances of miscarried justice against the American citizens of color. Namely African Americans.

Although the constitution was amended to ostensibly right the racist articles the founding fathers had written into this so-called epitome of "one nation, under God, With liberty and justice for all," to this day, the color of a man's skin determines the kind of liberty and justice he receives.

If an African American commits a crime, (and I don't know of an African American who has lynched a white man or dragged him to his death behind a pick-up truck), he is not judged by the law, but by

the color of his skin.

We have been denied an education or the right to make a decent living or the right to decent housing because of the color of our skin. But these elected do-gooders will spend millions of our dollars trying to prove that the president has committed a high crime because as a married man, he lied about sleeping with another woman. How righteous can you whites pretend to be? Do you think this action will show that you are good just people. NO! You want us to believe that only a few of you are bad. Well if that's the case, why can't you stop these "bad" ones in their tracks, when you can deploy thousands of our men to supposedly promote democracy in foreign countries. Did you know that before the whites invaded Africa, that continent had the most advanced democratic government in the world? I'm sure you are aware of this. That's why it's not documented in your history books but it's in ours.

Racism in this country has destroyed more lives, resources, and ambition than all of the sleeping with other women since the beginning of time. All I believe is that these actions are just another way of distracting the people of the country from the real problems. The high crime of racism.

If these so-called protectors would put as much energy in righting the high crimes and misdemeanors committed against the African Americans, instead of blowing smoke, this country would begin to look like the democratic picture you are trying to make the world believe exists.

### For Your Information ...

## Black History Month

**February 7** – 2 and 3 p.m. NJ State Museum, Trenton. **Kaleidoscope Kids** program. Participants study Africa. \$1 per child. Free for parents. (609) 292-6464.

**February 9** – 7 p.m. "Black Knowledge Bowl." Free. (973) 720-2519 or (973) 720-3100.

**February 10-27** – New Jersey Performing Arts Center victoria Theater, Newark. the Performance Studio of Nigeria will present "Things Fall Apart," a stage adaptation of Chinua Achebe's 1958 novel. \$35. (609) 683-8000.

**February 11** – 6:30 p.m Newark Library. Black America on Stage: A Phoenix Ensemble production of "John Brown: Trumpet of Freedom." Free. (973) 733-5643.

**February 13** – William Paterson University, Wayne. **Bus trip to Black Wax Museum & Inner Harbor**, Baltimore, Md. \$6. Ticket may be purchased in Campus Activities office 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m. (973) 720-2519 or (973) 720-3100.

**February 17** – Haitian Cultural Night Discussion. Free. (973) 720-2519 or (973) 720-3100.

**February 20** – Newark Library. Black America on Stage: The African Globe TheatreWorks production of Lorraine Hansberry's "Raisin in the Sun." Free. (973) 733-5643. (Selected as one of New Jersey's top ten theater productions in 1998 by The Star Ledger.)

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Last month the members of the Newark Branch NAACP elected the following officers for the 1999-2000 TERM:

President, Daniel Williams

1st VP Nora Locke, Esq.

2nd VP Donna Sparks, MSW, LSW

3rd VP Cheryl Bush

Secretary, Joyce Ameen

Treasurer, Mamie (Gus) Hale

Newly elected President, Daniel Williams (who is also a Commissioner of the Board of Elections) pledges to build up this Newark Chapter. "I look forward to the opportunity of elevating the influence of our local NAACP to new heights of voter empowerment and education excellence. Also I want to extend our organization's outreach to youth and highlight the protection of civil rights for all people."

After the installation, the evening festivities included refreshments and entertainment.

## FALLING LEAVES

**GWEN GUTHRIE, 49**

*queen of dance music*

Guthrie's best-known hit, "Aint Nothin' Goin On But the Rent," reached the top 10 on Billboard's black and dance charts. Gwen Guthrie, soulful voice made her a top dance club diva in the late 1970s and 1980s.

Ms. Guthrie was a resident of Orange, became known as a queen of the dance club circuit. She played with many musicians, including George Benson and Roberta Flack.

**RICHARD BOONE, 68**

*jazzman who played with Count Basie'*

Boone, an American born trombonist and scat singer played with Count Basie, Dexter Gordon and other jazz giants.

In the late 1960s, Richard Boone joined Basie's band. He came to Copenhagen in 1970, at a time when many American jazzmen were settling in the Danish capital, which was noted for its relaxed atmosphere and lack of racial tension.

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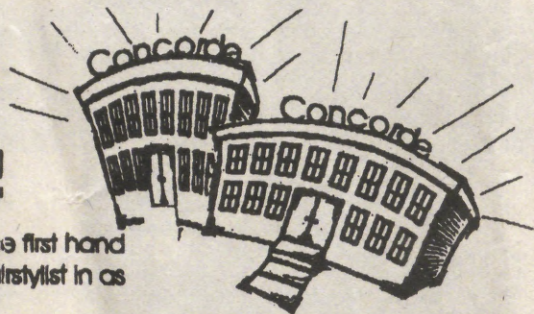


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*jazz pianist with greats*

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## MISS SADIE DELANY

*wrote 'Having Our Say'*

Sadie Delany, who with her sister co-authored a best-selling memoir after the age of 100, died yesterday. She was 109.

Sadie Delany and her sister, who died in 1995 at the age of 106, wrote "Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years," which told their story of growing up black before the civil rights movement.

She and her sister, Bessie, documented the iron determination of two black women not only to survive but to thrive. In their 20s, both women moved to New York and began successful careers - Sadie as a high school teacher, Bessie as a dentist.

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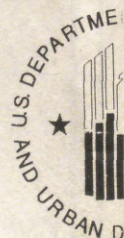


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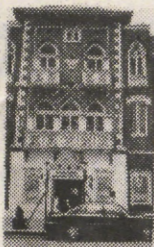
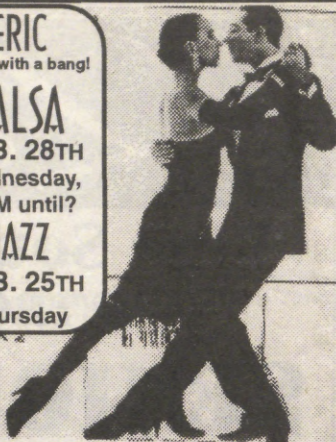
## THE SHADOW KNOWS...

As we go into the last year of this century and get ready for the next millennium. Where are we? What have we accomplished and where are we going? Well as of this year we have managed to have more young people in jail than we have in colleges across the nation. We have more mothers raising children without a husband or father than any other race on earth. We have taken over the field of professional sports and can tell you all about Michael Jordan, but no one can tell me who the first black professor to teach at Harvard was. In the 1990s we've managed to turn our priorities all around. We went from a caring peace loving people to a "me first," "damn everybody else," "kick butt" and "take names society". That's why so many of us are in jail, we do not respect the rules or each those petty arguments that used to be solved with our fists - are now solved with a gun. This century saw America come from the time table to the calculator, to the mighty computer. Most of us missed the transition. But "The Shadow" has faith that the next generation will turn it all around and we will get tired of killing and hurting each other and the new "in" thing will be peace and love for each other and speaking of love, that guy with all that gold and the hip clothes and the new beamer tells you he loves you and you know you are the finest thing on myrtle ave. In Irvington, don't think he means it and you are the only one. He tells all of his "ladies" the same thing and he is not ready for marriage yet, in fact he isn't even ready for manhood yet.. The only "hood" he's ready for is the one he lives in .... Can someone tell me why would a cashier or some one who uses equipment would want to have nails that look like bird claws? I saw a woman trying to pick up a quarter off the floor that she dropped and it took about ten minutes to pick it up. Those nails have to be a handicap to any one who has them and when one of them falls off it looks like a deformed eagle... Why does J. B. from Vailburg have to always put his hands on other peoples' women? He can't seem to keep his hands to himself. One day he will be pulling on the wrong man's woman and he will end up getting his face rearranged... I do hope that the young brothers get the message that hanging on the street corners is not the smartest thing to do, I know its fun for now, but what about the future? What happens when you try to get that job you want so badly and the man tells you that you don't qualify due to lack of enough education? It's too late then to wish you were back in school. I see so many young people 12 and 13 yrs. old wasting precious time out in the street during school hours. If only they could look into the future and see what's ahead. Nobody is going to help you but yourself. And you should learn to use books instead of drugs and guns, then we just might see a "master race". - Till next time, Peace -

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Mr. & Mrs. James Johnson partying at the Woodcliff Lake Hilton with the 100 Black Men of New Jersey. (Brother and sister-in-law of Joe Byrd).



Joseph Byrd doing the 'Electric Slide' at the 100 Black Men of New Jersey Black Tie affair. Oh yeah!

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# ESSEX COUNTY DEMOCRATS FALL DINNER HELD



The Essex County Democratic Committee sponsored its Annual Fall Dinner at the Holiday Inn North, recently. Over 700 Democrats attended the Cocktail Party and Dinner and heard messages from U.S. Senators, Frank R. Lautenberg, and Robert G. Torricelli; Congressmen Donald M. Payne and Robert Menendez; as well as Newark Mayor Sharpe James. Serving as Co-Chairs of the event were James E. McGreevey, Woodbridge Mayor and Peter G. Stewart, Esq.

Thomas P. Giblin, Essex County Democratic Chairman delivered a inspiring speech regarding the wrongful impeachment by the U.S. Congress and maintained that there were right wing conservative forces in the Republican Party who work, trying to turn back the clock on the many positive legislative items that had benefited all working families across the United States.

**DEMOCRATIC WOMEN** l-r: Emma Herron, Essex County Democratic Vice Chair of Newark, Armelia Grooms of East Orange, who is receiving a plaque for her service from Thomas P. Giblin, Essex County Democratic Chair.



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